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1. This office action is in response to Applicant's Reply Brief filed on 07/28/2008.
2. The Reply Brief filed on 07/28/2008 has been considered and noted. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the Appeal.

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3. Ids filed on 09/04/2008 has been considered.

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